



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hirayanagi

Application No. 09/659,211

Filed: September 11, 2000

Confirmation No. 5080

For: ALIGNMENT-MARK DETECTION
METHODS AND DEVICES FOR CHARGED-
PARTICLE-BEAM MICROLITHOGRAPHY,
AND MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHODS
COMPRISING SAME

Examiner: Caridad Everhart

Art Unit: 2825

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Indep. Claims	2	3**	= 0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)					\$290.00
One-month Extension of Time					\$110.00
Two-month Extension of Time					\$420.00
Three-month Extension of Time					\$950.00
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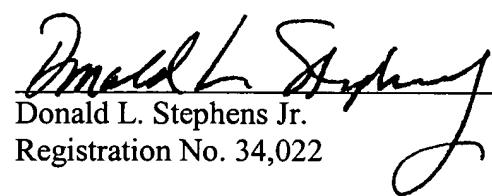
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL ACTION

This paper is submitted in reply to the final Office action dated April 21, 2004. It is believed that the amendments set forth herein place this application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.